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1. Dante Alighieri.

Clue: Dante Alighieri was a poet and prose writer from medieval Florence, Italy, who profoundly impacted European literature. He is most famous for authoring the Christian epic poem *La divina commedia*. Dante is credited with inventing the poetic form used in *The Divine Comedy*, known as terza rima.

2. Aref Qazvini.

Clue: Aref Qazvini was an Iranian poet and musician. Often called a National Poet of Iran, he was a revolutionary during the Iranian Constitutional Revolution and made many political and pro-revolutionary songs.

3. Voltaire.

Clue: Voltaire was a French philosopher, writer, and poet of the Enlightenment. He was one of the most versatile poets and wits of his time. He is shown here holding a red lamb, a reference to his 1759 satirical novella *Candide*.

4. Laozi.

Clue: Laozi was a philosopher in ancient China. He is the author of the *Tao Te Ching*, an important text from Chinese history consisting of 81 short, poetic sections. He is a central figure both in philosophical and religious Taoism.

5. Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Clue: Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American writer, poet, and leader of the Transcendentalist Movement, which argued that people were essentially good and capable of self-improvement.

6. Maqāmāt-ut-Tuyūr.

Clue: “The Conference of the Birds,” or “Maqāmāt-ut-Tuyūr,” is a poem completed circa 1187. The poem concerns a congregation of birds, led by a wise hoopoe, that embark on a journey. Through their experiences and the hoopoe’s parables and counsel, the birds are cleansed of their egos and attain enlightenment.

7. Frog at the Bottom of a Well.

Clue: On this well is the traditional Chinese story of a frog that lived its entire life at the bottom of a well. The frog believed the well to be the entire world until a turtle fell into the well and informed the frog of a much wider and more spectacular world than the frog could ever have imagined.

8. Plato.

Clue: Plato was a Greek philosopher from Athens who was a student of Socrates and a teacher of Aristotle. His writings are among the most influential in Western philosophy,

9. Mark Twain.

Clue: Mark Twain is one of America’s most famous authors. His books and poetry captured the sound and humor of life in nineteenth century America.



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10. Oscar Wilde Quote.

Clue: “Every portrait that is painted with feeling is a portrait of the artist, not of the sitter.” Oscar Wilde was an Irish poet and playwright. Wilde is best known for his witty comedies of manners such as *The Importance of Being Earnest* and *An Ideal Husband*.

11. Proverbs.

Clue: The Book of Proverbs is a book of the Hebrew Bible and the Old Testament of the Christian Bible. The proverbs contained in this anthology contain traditional poetic devices and typically advises readers on moral behavior and the wisest ways to worship God.

12. Oxyrhynchus Papyri.

Clue: The Oxyrhynchus Papyri were an enormous cache of Greco-Roman manuscripts and poems discovered near the ancient city of Oxyrhynchus, Egypt, at the turn of the 20th century by British papyrologists Bernard Pyne Grenfell and Arthur Surridge Hunt.

13. Rosario Castellanos.

Clue: Rosario Castellanos was a Mexican poet and a member of the influential Generation of 1950. She was also an advocate for women's rights.

14. Kojiki.

Clue: Known in English as *An Account of Ancient Matters*, the *Kojiki* dates to the early 8th century. The *Kojiki* chronicles the myths and legends, through songs, poems, and stories, surrounding the origin of the Japanese archipelago and traces the genealogy of Japan's rulers.

15. The Epic of Gilgamesh.

Clue: One of civilization's oldest preserved epic poems, “The Epic of Gilgamesh,” relates the narrative of a king who ruled the Mesopotamian city-state of Uruk, defeated powerful opponents dispatched by the gods, and undertook a journey to find a plant that grants immortality.

16. Shahnamah.

Clue: Written by Abul-Qasim Ferdowsi Tusi between 977 and 1010, “The Shahnamah,” is the national epic of Iran. It is the longest epic poem written by a single poet and documents the history of the Persian Empire.

17. Nymphs of the Stream.

Clue: Antipater of Thessalonica was a Roman statesman who was governor of the Greek city of Thessalonica. His epigrams described the people and events of the period, including the first recorded description of water-wheel technology in a poem, an epigram titled, “Nymphs of the Stream.”

18.

Clue: Pablo Neruda was a Chilean poet, diplomat, and winner of the Nobel Prize. He is considered one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century.

